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Mesilla Valley Radio Club		

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Sat (with no club meet}	Informal at Village Inn Telshore	6:00 AM	
M, W, F	Informal Wal-Mart (W)	10:00 AM	
Mon	WTRA Swap Net 146.88	8 PM	
Wed	MVRC Net 146.64	6:45 PM	
May 05	Breakfast Club House	8 AM	
May 05	Business Meeting Club House	9 AM	
May 01	Builders Group Club House	7 PM	
May 09	Board Meet Club House	7 PM	
May 22	Builders Group Club House	7 PM	
June 23-24	Field Day		
For more events see http://www.n5bl.org/calendar			



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Beanfeed 2012

The Articles for This Month

Beanfeed Kitchen Report

KD5SSJ

This year we had plenty of support in the kitchen and I (Cash Olsen, KD5SSJ) really appreciate it. On Thursday Melanie Jack (KD5UZF) picked the beans and found rocks, as is normally the case, so I'm sure glad she did. We don't need any broken teeth. And on Saturday night she prepared the dressings for the coleslaw. She was unable to attend because her doctors advised her to stay home but she pitched in to help as best she could.

We had a good crew on Saturday at noon. Elden Heiden (W0WGA), Ron Lerdal (KE5KLK), John Beakley (WK5C), Tim Pettybone (K5OI) and Dorthy Figgins (W0SWK) all helped. The clubhouse needed a good cleaning because of the spring wind storms. Dorthy chopped fresh garlic while the guys were chopping the onions and meat. It took about three hours but there was some socializing included, it wasn't all work. Joe Ostrowski (KI5FJ) brought his large cooler from home and donated several large bags of ice.

On Saturday night I cooked the beans on a rocket stove especially built for this



event. This was a continuation of my experimentation of doing more with less. For details on the stove go to the Rocket Stove page (URL <http://n5bl.org/builders/stove.html>). Again this year I cooked the beans at boil for only two hours and then wrapped them in a sleeping bag until just before time to serve. This is a trick used by pioneers to make the best use of time and energy, they used hay as the insulator, and so the technique has the name hay-box cooker. The rocket stove only



used about the equivalent of one fireplace log and when I disassembled the rocket stove the total ash was about 1 cup. This is the kitchen equivalent of QRPp (weak signals). In years past the beans needed to cook about 7 hours, requiring a lot of LP gas.

On Sunday Margret (KF5KHJ) and Rick Burnstein (W3GWU) showed up bright and early. Tim Pettybone and Margret pitched in and opened cans of tomatoes and stirred the chili as it simmered for several hours. At serving time they served the chili, beans and coleslaw with a smile.

After the event was over Charlie Welch (N5CWW) and Ron Lerdal stuck around and assisted in cleaning up the pots and pans. After everyone was served and had their fill, the beans and chili were mixed together and Charlie delivered about 60 pounds to the Community of Hope Gospel Rescue Mission to serve the homeless.

Great job everyone.

Beanfeed 2012

K5XY

The Beanfeed this year had almost perfect weather. Those who wore jackets in the early morning quickly discarded them. The wind was elsewhere. The talk-in on



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W0SWK was on
the air.

The equipment the club had for sale sold steadily and the club received a gratifying amount of money. Tailgaters received lots of

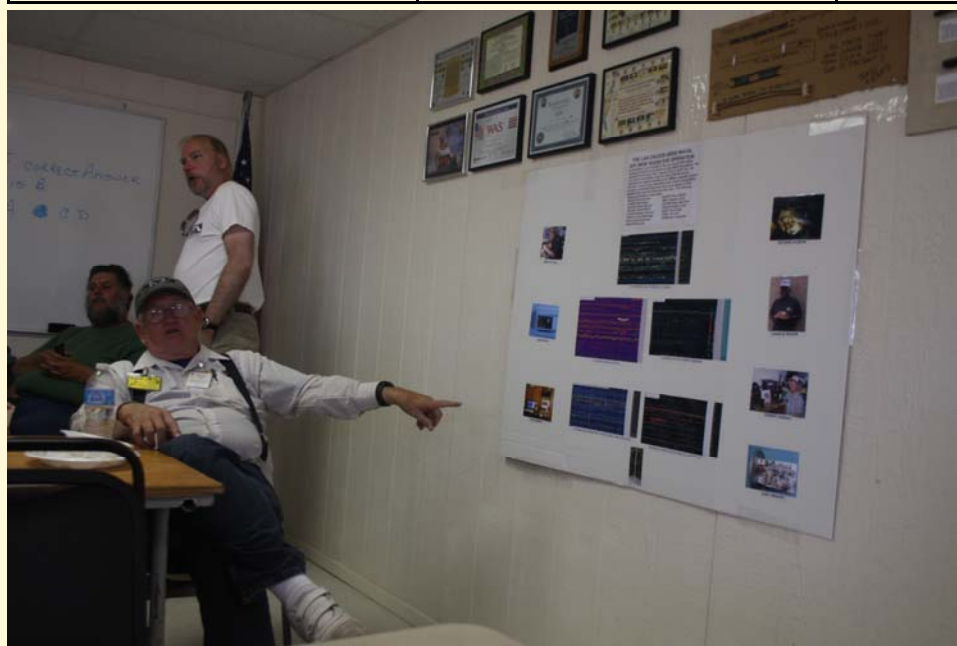




attention. The main commercial vendor, Southwest Antennas and Accessories, said that business was reasonable, but not great, although it was better than the recent Albuquerque event. They also had a long list of other hamfests they were going to attend.



Not all visitors were hams



Inside the club house WA5DJJ had an excellent display of a remarkable technological feat of club members transmitting very low power signals over great distances. More details can be seen if you enlarge the caption at the top of the poster. (If your resolution is



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too low, request a high resolution picture from [K5XY](http://K5XY.com).) Snack sales were reasonable and about 35 Beanfeed tickets were sold. An El Paso ham won the Out-backer antenna raffle prize. The club



room was comfortably filled and soon there was a steady buzz of conversation as the event wound down. A VE test session



brought the event to a close.

Here Southwest Antennas leaves for their next stop. These, and some more, pictures are available on [n5bl.org](http://n5bl.org/beanfeed12/index.html) or at the URL <http://n5bl.org/beanfeed12/index.html>.

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Bataan Memorial Death March

KD5OHA

On March 25th twenty four amateur radio operators meet at the top of San Augustin Pass to receive their passes, orange vests, and breakfasts in support of the 23rd annual Bataan Memorial Death March. Even though we meet at 4 A.M. to



head for the base it took me a hour to reach my place at the finish line. It was unusually warm. At 4 A.M. a light jacket was all that was needed. We all headed to our assigned water points and set up. Because of the large number of marchers this year (6786) the start was moved to the soccer field just north east of the Frontier Club which used to be the starting point. The Black Daggers jumped into the soccer field just before the start.

The race began at 7:33 A.M. All in all things went well. However there were a lot of heat related injuries due to the high temperatures. The first runner crossed the finish line in a little over two and a half hours. The two BlackHawk helio's and field ambulances were kept busy. At seven P.M. the Command General ordered the race be shut down at Eight P.M.

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Monthly Business Meeting

KD5UZF

General Meeting April 7, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 am

Rob put forth a call to all members to get involved. Let us know what you want. Put forth some effort.

The Board is looking at the possibilities of a Life Membership-- what should the qualifications be; do we vote as a club or should the Board decide.

There will be a test session on April 15, 2012 and one at the Bean Feed on the 29th.

We still need a communications director and help with Special events.

The election of officers for next year will be in November. At that time we need all new officers, President, Secretary and Treasurer. There will also be some director positions. Kevin wants to retire sooner, so we need someone to finish his term. Everything is on the computer and takes several hours a month. It also involves keeping the membership list current.

Cash will cook for the Bean Feed. He will need help with prep on Saturday and serving on Sunday as well as a clean up crew.

There is an amplifier to be sold for \$750.00, contact Rob or Bob.

We received a Bataan plaque for the clubhouse.

Dorothy will do talk in for the Bean Feed again this year. Thank you.

Bob still needs things to sell at the tailgate portion of the Bean Feed. We need to sell \$1,000.00 worth of items to support the club for the year.

We need help to clean up after the meeting, if you can stay.

Contact RobTruitt@zianet.com of 575-649-4173

Meeting adjourned at 9:15am

Monthly Board Meeting

KD5UZF

April 11, 2012

Present were:

Bob Bennett

Rob Truitt

Alex Burr

George Kopp

Kevin McNellis

Cash Olsen

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

Old Business: Discussion of Life Membership- 1 per year Bob Bennett objected. Proposal for the Board to make a recommendation for general vote.

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The current lift members include

- Stan Wornick
- Bill Weed

Motion to let Life Membership die was made by Cash Olsen: no second.

Charlie Welch (N5CWW) was proposed as the communications director.

The search for a Treasurer replacement is ongoing.

Bob has had no contact with the roofing people.

Bean Feed has a possibility of a transceiver and test equipment. Fritz may have equipment to donate.

Cash has no classes scheduled.

The Bean feed will be from 8am to 12noon, Sunday April 29, 2012

There will be a VE session at 1pm.

Get in touch with Terry's wife to pick up ARRL certificates.

Alex said the membership list was not readable (New Mexico QSO)

Kevin reported 40 members.

Rob may not be here for the June meeting.

There is no July meeting.

There is a possible August social event.

Adjourned at 7:46pm

My thanks to Cash for the minutes of the Board as I was once again in the Hospital on the 10th.

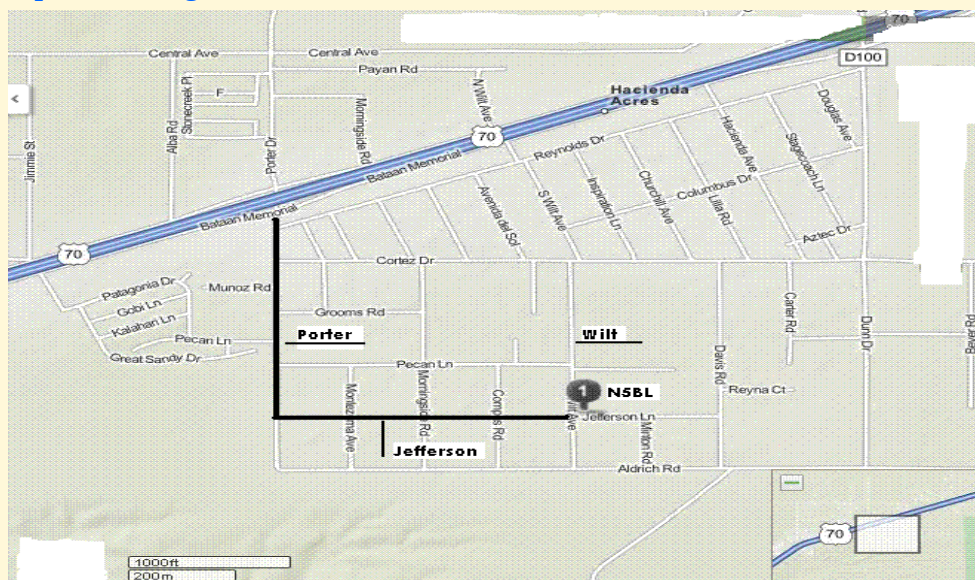
Treasurer Report

Not Available

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CLUB INFORMATION

The MVRC Clubhouse is located at the intersection of Wilt and Jefferson. To find the clubhouse, set your destination on your GPS receiver as 32 degrees 22.961 minutes and -106 degrees 41.44 minutes. If you don't own a GPS, take the Porter exit near the firehouse on US 70. It is about 5 miles east from the I 25 interchange. Go south on Porter until you come to Jefferson. There turn left toward the mountains and go to Wilt. You will see the beam on the corner. The treasurer would be delighted to receive your contribution for landscaping and furnishing. More information at <http://n5bl.org>



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To join the Mesilla Valley Radio Club, renew your membership, or to support the repeaters, please print, cut out, and complete the form below. Send it with dues (\$35 single, \$45 family per year, add \$10 to receive the newsletter by US mail instead of e-mail) to: Treasurer, MVRC, Box 1443, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

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LICENSE CLASS (E, A, G, T, N) _____

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ARRL VE (Y/N) _____

Would you like to be added to the MVRC reflector? _____

NAME _____

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INTERESTS – Computer _____ Contests _____ Digital _____ Elmer _____ Emergency Communications _____ Field Day _____

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